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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 1 with the following amended paragraph:

Since switch U does not provide topology information to the network management application, it is not possible to resolve the topology of the network for the branch connected to port 4 of switch A. Accordingly, in accordance with a prior art technique, the network topology may be presented as a network map having a cloud connected to port 4 of switch A and with the child nodes thereof connected to the cloud as shown in Figure 2.